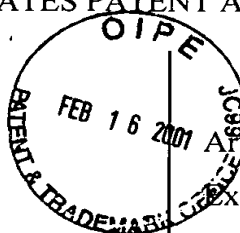


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Second Preliminary Amendment

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Sir:

In advance of prosecution, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-28, 30, 47-48 and 60-93 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Please add the following new claims.

- 95. An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 90% identical to Gly (138) - Ser (208) of SEQ ID NO:2.
96. The isolated polypeptide of claim 95, comprising an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to Gly (138) - Ser (208) of SEQ ID NO:2.
97. The isolated polypeptide of claim 96, comprising an amino acid sequence at least 97% identical to Gly (138) - Ser (208) of SEQ ID NO:2.
98. The isolated polypeptide of claim 95, having a Met residue at the N-terminus of said amino acid sequence.

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